



HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

CASE REPORT NUMBER: 2011-15008

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Type of Incident: Homicide Ruled Self-defense

Date and Time of Incident: 5/15/2011 11:23 pm

Location: 521 Amos Street, High Point

Incident Narrative: 2nd UPDATE

Guilford County Assistant District Attorney Walt Jones released a statement today saying he thoroughly reviewed the statements of witnesses and other evidence in this case and concludes "the shooting was in all likelihood an act of self-defense and thus he will not be pursuing charges". The facts of the case show Murphy entered 521 Amos Street uninvited, agitated, threatening the resident, Jonathan Pressley and his family. Murphy physically assaulted Jonathan then pulled a handgun pointing it at Jonathan and his family. Jonathan Pressley fired one shot in self-defense killing Murphy.

Original Release:

At 11:23 p.m. on May 15, 2011, High Point Police officers responded to a shooting at 521 Amos St. On arrival officer found Christopher Dewayne Murphy, age 42, of High Point, dead from an apparent gunshot wound. Detectives are still investigating the case and anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers at 889-4000 or Lt. Jason Henderson at 887-7830.

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